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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Finland:* draft decision

Further working arrangements for the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/16 of 20 November 2006 and 68/1 of 20 September 2013 concerning the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating that, as a principal organ of the United Nations, the Council is entitled to hold ad hoc meetings as and when needed, with full substantive support and conference services, to address urgent developments in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Noting that the arrangements set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1 should not lead to an increase in the number of meeting days currently provided for the Council,

Acknowledging that, in scheduling its sessions, meetings and consultations, the Council should take into consideration meetings of other bodies dealing with economic, social and environmental issues to avoid unnecessary overlapping and overburdening of their agendas,

Recalling the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development[1] and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[2]

Recalling also its resolution 2017/1 of 28 July 2016 on working arrangements for the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.
[1] General Assembly resolution 69/313, annex.
[2] General Assembly resolution 70/1.

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Decides on the following further working arrangements for its 2017 session:

(a) The twelfth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will be held in Geneva from 11 to 14 October 2016;

(b) The thirteenth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will be held in the first week of May 2017;

(c) The one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters will be held during the week of 22 May 2017;

(d) The forum on financing for development follow-up will be held during the week of 22 May 2017, on the theme "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world".

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Lithuania:* draft decision

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly requested the Council to establish the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as subsequent Assembly resolutions by which the membership of the Executive Committee was increased, and recalling also its decision 2016/248 of 26 July 2016, by which it recommended that the Assembly, at its seventy-first session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee from 98 to 100 States:

(a) Takes note of the request to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees contained in the note verbale dated 15 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Lithuania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;[1]

(b) Recommends that the General Assembly, at its seventy-first session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee from 98 to 101 States.

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.
[1] E/2017/3.

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